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R 100647Z NOV 73
FM AMEMBASSY BELGRADE
TO SECSTATE WASHDC 7797
INFO AMCONSUL ZAGREB UNN
DIA WASHDC

C O N F I D E N T I A L BELGRADE 5081
EXDIS
DIA FOR AA

E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: PFOR YO PINR MILI
SUBJECT: RESPONSE TO YUGOSLAV PROTEST RE ATTACHE ACTIVITIES

REF: A. BELGRADE 4867 B. BELGRADE 5011

1. IN CONVERSATION WITH NORTH AMERICAN DEPARTMENT POLITICAL DEPUTY GRUBOR NOV 9, POL COUNSELOR REFERRED TO OCT 26 DEMARCHE REGARDING EMBASSY ATTACHE ACTIVITIES (REF A).

2. CITING MOCIVNIK-AMBASSADOR CONVERSATION, POL COUNSELOR SAID THAT AFTER A THOROUGH INVESTIGATION OF THE ALLEGATIONS THE AMBASSADOR HAD CONFIRMED THAT THERE HAD BEEN A DEVIATION FROM THE RULES REGARDING ADVANCE NOTIFICATION OF TRAVEL. (IT WAS POINTED OUT PARENTHETICALLY THAT THIS HAD INVOLVED AN ENLISTED MAN AND THAT IT HAD BEEN THE PRACTICE, AND INDEED OUR UNDERSTANDING, THAT TRAVEL BY ENLISTED MEN WAS NOT SUBJECT TO ADVANCE NOTIFICATION.) IN ANY EVENT, STEPS HAD BEEN TAKEN TO ENSURE THAT ALL PERTINENT TRAVEL WOULD BE NOTIFIED IN ADVANCE IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE RULES.

3. REGARDING THE OTHER MATTERS RAISED BY MOCIVNIK, THE AMBASSADOR'S INVESTIGATION HAD DETERMINED THAT THE BEHAVIOR OF THE EMBASSY'S ATTACHES HAD BEEN IN COMPLETE ACCORD WITH THE NORMS OF DIPLOMATIC PRACTICE.

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4. POL COUNSELOR SAID THE EMBASSY CONSIDERS THE MATTER NOW CLOSED, AND ASSUMES THE YUGOSLAVS TAKE A SIMILAR VIEW.

5. EMBASSY BELIEVES THERE IS LITTLE TO BE GAINED BY PURSUING

THIS MATTER FURTHER, PARTICULARLY IN VIEW CALL-IN OTHER ATTACHES
(REF B), AND RECOMMENDS NO RPT NO ACTION BE TAKEN WASHINGTON
UNLESS CONTROLS OVER ATTACHE ACTIVITIES HERE SHOULD BE SIGNI-
FICANTLY TIGHTENED. WE DOUBT THEY WILL, BECAUSE INCIDENT APPEARS
TO HAVE BEEN A PASSING PHENOMENON OF THE TIMES.
TOON

NOTE BY OC/T: EXDIS CAPTION ADDED PER S/S-O, MR. FINNERTY, 11/10/73.

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